

DEDHAM BOARD OF HEALTH
NOVEMBER 19, 2014
MINUTES

IN ATTENDANCE:

MARY ELLARD, CHAIRPERSON
DR. SARAH ROSENBERG-SCOTT, VICE CHAIRPERSON
LEANNE JASSET, MEMBER
CATHERINE CARDINALE, HEALTH DIRECTOR
JOAN CONWAY, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The meeting was called to order by Mary at 6:34 pm. Mary asked if anyone was here for open comment period there were none. A monthly report was submitted by Cathy.

Flu Clinic

Our flu clinic held on Wednesday, November 12th was horrendous. We had 25 people; I will have only one clinic next year. The Schools feel Saturdays are too busy with sports and the seniors won't come out at night. We can set up individual appointment for seniors. We no longer go to the senior housing because they go to CVS and we were not getting many people. I followed what Westwood did and let the schools pick the date and they let parents know through school notices and we advertised with the local papers and twitter and our web site. We could try a Saturday next year and try using nursing students. We had 260 people at our first clinic.

Tobacco permits - We have 26 and Norwood has 40 odd permits Needham has a limit of 12 and Westwood has a limit of 6. I think we could have a limit for tobacco it's for future discussion. We have had a few calls about selling the vapor cigarettes so a limit could be in order.

We had 3 perc tests in precinct 1 Common Street and 2 on Country Club Road. They are well beyond any sewer connection. There is no sewerage available in that area for people to connect to. It is by Northeastern, the Jail and Dedham Medical and Newbridge on the Charles have sewerage but it did not come from Common Street. I will look into where it came in from. When someone calls for a perc test I ask where they are located and if I have a question I have them to contact engineering and get a distance from sewerage.

Papa Johns is going at the rotary, Brother Roast Beef in Riverdale and possible Mexican restaurant at the yarn shop/Dedham flower shop in square.

75 Mc Kinley Avenue

Mary went to the engineering department and the reason they denied the septic system is spaghettiing the pipes, that is the term they use to describe how the pipes would be laid, and the fact that the pipes would not hold up under pressure. Mary also went to Kenney Cimeno Commissioner in the Building Department and he explained to me that the area does not have any ledge which would

be difficult for connection. The area is all sand pits. Mary spoke to Frank Scurti, our former health director and he thought he granted a variance for a hardship in the area but there is no record of that in our minutes. Mary said with this information and the cost between the low cost of the sewer, \$23,000 and the cost of the septic was \$16,000 with additional cost \$2,000. Given all the variables and her conversations with engineering and building Mary is inclined to say that they should tie into the sewer system.

Dr. Scott motioned to deny the request for a variance at 75 McKinley Avenue based on the following reasons:

1. It is significantly less than the 300 feet requirement mandated by the town to tie into the sewer line.
2. There are no obvious topographic limitations that make this connection impossible.
3. The public health risk of continued septic system unless there is no other option available.
4. This has been discussed with the building and engineering department who are in agreement with the benefit of continued sewer connection for the town.

Leanne seconded the motion. Mary asked if there was any discussion there was none. Mary said All those in favor aye opposed none. Motion passes.

With no further business to discuss Dr. Scott motioned to adjourn the meeting Leanne seconded the motion Mary asked all in favor aye opposed none. Mary adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Mary Ellard, Chairperson